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Interview Summary	Application No. 09/883,966	Applicant(s) NUMATA ET AL.	
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Date of Interview: 23 July 2008.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1,3,4,7,10,13,19-22,25,26 and 31.

Identification of prior art discussed: Noguchi et al. (US 4,036,180), Rao et al (US 5,758,496), Yorita et al (US 5,855,781) and Gadkaree et al. (US 5,750,026).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant presented arguments as to the obviousness of choosing the combined references in order to arrive at the instant invention as claimed as a whole. Examiner and applicant discussed the prior art as presented in the non-final Office Action dated (4/28/2008) in light of applicant's arguments.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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